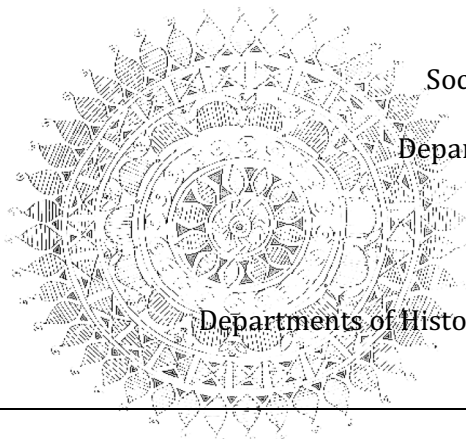


Appendix 2

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

CANADA 150 CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION OF BENGALIS

Saturday 16 September – Sunday 17 September 2017



Departments of History, Sociology and Anthropology, and International Studies, SFU

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DAY 1: Saturday/16 September

Simon Fraser University, Vancouver Campus
515 West Hastings, Harbour Centre, Room 7000

8:30 am – 9:30 am: REGISTRATION with light BREAKFAST

9:30 am – 9:50 am: OPENING

Welcome Remarks: Habiba Zaman and Sanzida Habib

Opening Remarks: Jane Pulkingham, FASS Dean, SFU

9:50 am – 10:35 am: SESSION 1

Session Chair: Lara Campbell

Keynote Speech

Tania Das Gupta "Are You a Bengali or Are You an Indian?' Bengalis in Canada"

10:35 am – 10:45 am: BREAK

10:45 am – 12:30 pm: SESSION 2

Migration and Settlement of Bengalis: History, Demography, Religion, and Health Issues

Session Chair: John Harriss

Bidisha Ray "Migration of Bengalis to Canada: An Historical Account"

Supriya Bhattacharya "Oral History of Bengali Immigrants in BC: 1960 – 2010"

Khaleda Banu "In Pursuit of Dreams"

Sanzida Habib "Bengali Immigrants: Health and Wellbeing"

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: LUNCH

1:30 pm – 2:45pm: SESSION 3

Gender, Culture, Family, and Work: Stories of Migration

Session Chair: Charles Greenberg

Sarika Bose “Multicultural: Straddling Continents, Straddling Identities”

Tareq Islam “Adaptation and Acceptance in Canada: A Story of a Student, Immigrant, and Citizen”

Marina Hossain “Making My Path in Canada”

Mustafa Chowdury “Fulfillment of My Hopes and Aspirations in Canada: The Country I Call My Home”

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: BREAK

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm: SESSION 4

Multiculturalism, Bengali Organizations, and Social Justice Issues

Session Chair: Bidisha Ray

Ranjan Kumar Datta “Intercultural Activities: A Bridge Building Program among First Nations, Bengali Visible Minority, and Non-Visible Minority”

Iqbal Bhuiyan “Challenges for the Internationally Trained Engineers in BC and the Role of Bangladeshi Engineers’ Association”

Mohammad Aminul Islam and Mohammad Zaman “*Ekushe* February – The International Mother Language Day: History, Significance and Implementation of Challenges”

Sanzida Habib and Hafizul Islam “GVBCA: Celebrating and Incorporating Bengali Culture in Multicultural Canada”

Chinmoy Banerjee “Coming Abroad to Find Home”

DAY 2: Sunday/September 17

University of British Columbia, Point Grey Campus

Choi Building, 1855 West Mall, Room 120

9:30 am – 10:00 am: REGISTRATION with light BREAKFAST

10:00 am – 11:15 am: SESSION 5

Session Chair: Mohammad Zaman

Opening Remarks: Mandakranta Bose, Professor Emerita, UBC

Keynote Speech

C. Emdad Haque “Migration, Identity and Contributions of Bengalis to Manitoba: An Ethnographic Account”

11:15 am – 11:30 am: BREAK

11:30 am – 12:45 am: SESSION 6

Canadian Bengali Youths: Identity, Social, Cultural, and Family Life

Session Chair: Habiba Zaman

Fariha Khondaker “Split between Cultures: Negotiating my Bengali and Western Girlhood”

Bidushy Rahman “Diasporic Foreignness: Bengali Social, Cultural, Family Life on Colonized Land”

Maz Haque “The “Filmly” Life of a Western Bengali Boy”

Rafia Mahazabin “The Evolution of Religious Identity of a First Generation Bengali Immigrant”

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm: LUNCH

1:45 pm – 3:45 pm: SESSSION 7

Concurrent Round Table Forum (1:45 pm – 3:15 pm)

ROUNDTABLE I: Migration, Settlement Experience and Community Service in Greater Vancouver

Moderator: Sanzida Habib

Participants will engage in conversation and discussion about their migration history, reasons for migration, settlement patterns, finding job, family life, raising children and other challenges and coping skills to adjust to new life and integrate into Canadian society, and the role of settlement organizations in their settlement and integration.

ROUNDTABLE II: Multiculturalism, Activism, and Social Justice

Moderator: Supriya Bhattacharya

Participants will present, share and discuss their experiences in the Canadian labor market, constraints, challenges, and opportunities in the labor market, ideas about multiculturalism and social justice in Canadian society and their organizing activities and contributions to Canadian society.

Combined Reporting and Discussion on Roundtables (3:15 pm – 3:45 pm)

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm: CONCLUDING SESSION and WRAP-UP

Habiba Zaman

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm: CLOSING with REFRESHMENTS

